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SINKIANG RESIDENTS IN KANSU WANT TO RETURN;
NEW CHINESE-LANGUAGE TABLOID STARTED

PETITION REPRESENTS 500 FAMILIES -- Erik, 6 Mar 49

A request for aid in defraying transportation expenses for their return to Sinkiang was contained in a petition emanating from Lan-chou and representing 500 families scattered throughout Kansu. Directed to the provincial government from former Sinkiang residents who migrated to Kansu 2 years ago, the document described living conditions in Kansu as very poor and expressed a hope that monetary assistance from the provincial government would be forthcoming.

Although Deputy Governor Mohammed Imin feels it unwise to grant assistance at this time when Sinkiang itself is confronted with economic problems and a growing population, Governor Burhan favors lending financial support. A military escort for the repatriates has been promised by the Northwest Headquarters.

NEW NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED -- Hsin Hsin Pao, 25 May, 9 Jun 49

The new Chinese-language tabloid newspaper, Hsin Hsin Pao (Ueda: 4376, 4376, 1796), has been in trial publication in Ti-hua since 25 May 1949. Thus far, the sample papers averaged 4 pages and have been in publication irregularly. Free copies were given to anyone interested.

On 1 July 1949, when this semimonthly newspaper will commence its official publication, 2,000 souvenir editions will be printed and will be distributed to subscribers who have applied for 3 months or more. The subscription fee for the 3-month period is one silver yuan.

The paper will maintain liaison with various official Chinese news agencies. It will also emphasize accurate reporting, express impartial opinions, and advocate peace.

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SINKIANG JIH PAO NEWSPRINT REDUCED -- Sinkiang Jih Pao, 7 Jun 49

Sinkiang Jih Pao, the daily Chinese-language newspaper published in Ti-hua, has abruptly reduced its format to a 4-page, tabloid size as of 7 June 1949. The reason for this change is not explained. The paper was printed in 4-page, ordinary size up to 5 June 1949.

ERIK BECOMES DAILY NEWSPAPER -- Erik, 11 May 49

Effective immediately, the thrice-weekly Turk language newspaper, Erik, will become a daily newspaper. This decision was made at a business meeting of the Erik staff at the home of its director, Aisabek Alptekin, on 10 May. Other items discussed at this meeting were the editorial policies, the financial status, and the expansion of facilities to include publication of books and periodicals.

Erik champions democracy, unity, humanity, the Turk race, the Islam world, and native Turkestan.

The staff includes the following personnel: assistant directors, Ibrahim Mitiay and Kaji Yakob Yusef; chief editor, Mohammed Imin Bughra; assistant editors, Pulat Kadiri and Abdalstar Juban; exchange correspondent, Tumuri; reporters, Qurban Quday [Former Chief Editor and publisher of the suspended Turk language newspaper, Yalkin] and Isa Taheri.

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